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Will Harvard Continue to Lead the Charge? - Part 72



From the [Harvard Crimson](#): *When Harvard College's three diversity offices shut their doors in July, their 35 undergraduate interns lost their jobs — and for weeks after the office closures, nobody told them. Now, the Harvard Foundation — an umbrella center that replaced the three offices — is accepting only 12 undergraduate workers for this school year, according to job listings posted on the Student Employment Office website on Sept. 11. None of the former interns are guaranteed a spot.*

The diversity offices' staff were transferred to the Foundation, a new center within the Office of Culture and Community, over the summer. But undergraduate employees, who were given no advance warning about the closures, were never officially informed that they were out of a job, according to five former interns who spoke to The Crimson. Some did not learn the news until the Foundation job listings went up — two weeks into the school year...

Until this year, student interns did not have to reapply for their jobs between semesters, though some were asked to email office directors to confirm that they wanted to return.

Any interns who secure Foundation positions this semester may find themselves taking an effective pay cut. Continuing interns at the Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations, the Office of BGLTQ Student Life, and the Harvard College Women's Center could expect a roughly 30- to 50-cent raise to their hourly wages with the new school year. But the Foundation will offer its student employees the same hourly wage paid to entry-level interns at the diversity offices...

Full story at <https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2025/10/3/diversity-office-interns/>.

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Nowadays, nothing is official...

...until recognized by Google. From an email circulated yesterday:

UCLA University Club

Subject: Website Update: Our New Name Is Now Reflected Online

Dear Members,
We're pleased to announce that our club's website has now been updated to reflect our official name: **The UCLA University Club**.



While the name change was made official some time ago, this update ensures our online presence now matches our identity. You can now find us at our new web address: <https://universityclub.ucla.edu>

Please note: when searching for "UCLA University Club" on Google, you may still see it as the UCLA Faculty Club. It can take up to 5 weeks for search engines to fully reflect the new name and URL. In the meantime, rest assured that the correct site is live and ready to serve you.

We encourage you to bookmark the new site and explore upcoming events, dining options, and member resources.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Warm regards,

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Tweaks - Part 2

Faithful blog readers will recall the identification here back on September 24 of some tweaks to official UC documents under review by the systemwide Senate.*

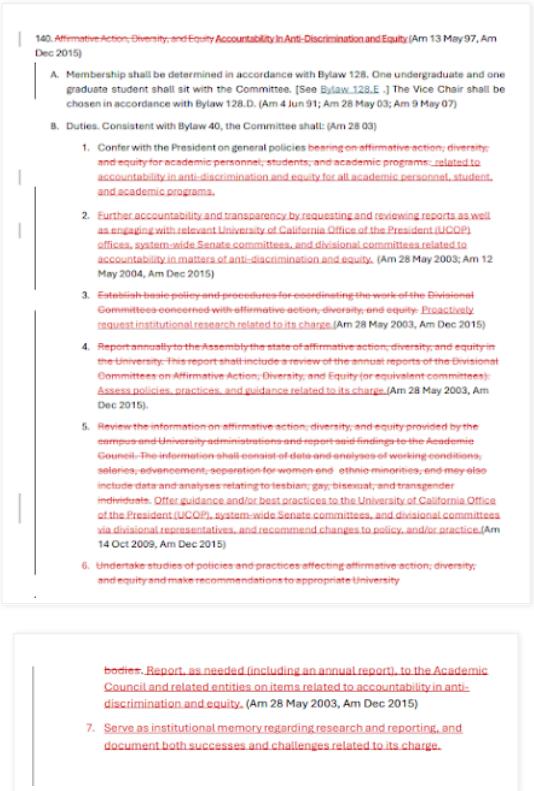
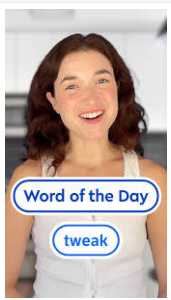
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*For the less faithful:

<https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/2025/09/tweaks.html>.

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Well, a little more browsing finds some other tweaks being considered. You can see them below:



Source: https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/underreview/council-chair-systemwide-senate-review-bylaw-140-ucaade.pdf.

Comments are due by Dec. 10.

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Will Harvard Continue to Lead the Charge? - Part 71

From the [Harvard Crimson](#): *A visiting professor at Harvard Law School was placed on administrative leave pending an investigation after allegedly firing a pellet gun outside of a Brookline synagogue on the eve of Yom Kippur.*

Carlos Portugal Gouvea was arrested on Wednesday after he allegedly fired two shots outside Temple Beth Zion in Brookline, according to a report from local outlet Brookline.News. Gouvea was charged in Brookline District Court with illegally discharging a pellet gun, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, and vandalizing property, according to a public court docket.

The incident drew a response from more than a dozen police as Yom Kippur — the holiest day of the Jewish calendar — began Wednesday night. Two private security guards allegedly attempted to detain Gouvea before the police arrived, leading to a “brief physical struggle,” Brookline.News reported...

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Full story
at <https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2025/10/5/hl-s-visiting-prof-arrested/>.

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Straws in the Wind - Part 122

From the [NY Times](#): *Two days after Charlie Kirk was killed, Suzanne Swierc, an employee at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., woke up to a cascade of missed calls, texts and voice mail messages from numbers she did not know... Ms. Swierc (pronounced swirtz) discovered that the barrage stemmed from something she had posted on Facebook the day before: "If you think Charlie Kirk was a wonderful person, we can't be friends." Her Facebook settings were private, but one of her followers must have taken a screen shot and sent it on without her knowledge.*

Within hours, Libs of TikTok, a social media account known for transphobic content and smear campaigns against schools, hospitals and libraries, posted it publicly on its popular X account. Ms. Swierc got her first message 19 minutes later. Elon Musk posted about it. So did Rudy Giuliani. Indiana's Attorney General, Todd Rokita, also mentioned it on X, calling her comments "vile," and saying that they "should make people question someone's ability to be in a leadership position."

When someone from a Buffalo area code left a voice mail message stating Ms. Swierc's home address and saying maybe she "should get the same treatment as Charlie," Ms. Swierc called the police. Eventually, the post would get 6.9 million views... Five days later, Ms. Swierc was fired from her job as the director of health and advocacy at Ball State, one of more than 145 people around the country who've lost their jobs for posting negatively about Mr. Kirk. Mr. Rokita, the attorney general, noted the firing approvingly...

Full story at <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/09/29/us/charlie-kirk-free-speech.html>.



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Sunday, October 5, 2025

Will Harvard Continue to Lead the Charge? - Part 70



From the [NY Times](#): *As the dispute between the White House and Harvard over billions of dollars in research funds drags on, an influential new figure has entered the negotiations with the potential to sway both sides: Stephen A. Schwarzman, a billionaire Harvard alumnus who is close to President Trump. The prominent Wall Street executive has taken an active role in recent days, helping to shape the final terms of a potential deal that would require Harvard to agree to a series of measures to stop the administration's pressure campaign against the school, according to six people familiar with the discussions.*

During calls with administration officials this week, Mr. Schwarzman has been the lead voice for Harvard. One conversation on Wednesday involved Linda McMahon, Mr. Trump's secretary of education, who led the discussion for the administration, according to people familiar with the matter. Mr. Schwarzman's sudden involvement, which came at the request of Harvard and was encouraged by Mr. Trump, is the latest development in the monthslong battle between the university and the Trump administration. It comes amid a growing divide inside the administration between hard-liners, who want concessions from Harvard, and Mr. Trump, who is eager to announce a deal...

Full story at <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/03/us/politics/schwarzman-harvard-trump.html>.

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From the [Bruin](#): *UCLA will now require a hiring review at the administrative level to approve all department-level positions, two vice chancellors announced in an Aug. 20 email. The review has been in place since March 2025 to ensure that "critical positions" remain prioritized amid a challenging budget environment, they added in the email.*

The hiring review applies to all positions including both Academic Senate and non-Senate roles, as well as positions in development or with

pending offers, a UCLA spokesperson said in an emailed statement. UCLA will continue to prioritize student employment opportunities, but student positions must undergo the same hiring review process, the spokesperson added in the statement.

The Community Programs Office, a basic needs organization, has temporarily shut down its operations due to hiring delays and pending staff extensions, according to signs posted in the Student Activities Center on Monday. CPO employees alleged that the delays have been caused by UCLA Student Affairs...

Full story at <https://dailybruin.com/2025/09/29/ucla-professors-express-concern-over-new-hiring-review-limited-student-research>.

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